(c) Yes.

(d) A list of questions which a particular Member has to answer with the answers as finally approved by the Government is being sent to him.

(e) and (f). There was no specific order. The Member is referred to the discussion in the matter contained in the Council Proceedings, Vol. II, Part 17, pages 1372 to 1373.

Taungya System.

665. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table:—

(1) the file of the correspondence that passed between the Conservator of Forests and the Diwan regarding the adoption of Taungya system of planting in the State ;

(2) what were the proposals of the Conservator of Forests with regard to the terms under which this system may be adopted ;

(3) reasons of the Conservator of Forests for disapproving the proposals of the Comptroller of Accounts ;

(4) who were the contractors to whom this planting was entrusted in 1103 and 1104 and what is the area entrusted to each and what was the quantity of timber and fuel in each area ;

(5) has not the area wherefrom the Alwaye Tile Company removed fuel and timber on seigniorage at Malayattur been entrusted to one Kunji Pyloth; if so, on what conditions ;

(6) why could not the procedure adopted in the case of Kunji Pyloth be adopted elsewhere also ;

(7) who is responsible for the loss so far incurred to the Sirkar for the last 3 years on account of giving areas for planting free of seigniorage for the standing growth and permitting the contractor to raise catch crops also and what will be the approximate loss to the Sirkar under the present working arrangement ;

(8) the quantity of timber or firewood removed by each of the contractors who did planting work under Taungya system in 1101--1102 and 1103 and the value thereof at the existing seigniorage rates ;

(9) (i) the quantity of timber of each species and fuel removed by contractors Abdul Kadir, Muhamed Khan and E. V. Ouseph from the areas given to them and by the Chettikulam Plantation staff for plantation in 1103 and the expenditure incurred by Government for planting up the areas; (ii) were not the contractors allowed to raise catch crops in these areas;

(10) will not the Government be more benefited and get better price for the growth if the same was put up for auction;

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why were special contractors preferred without putting up the contract for auction or tender;

(11) what is the necessity for entrusting planting to the plantation staff on the Taungya system; are not the officers of the staff paid servants of the State; has Government sanction been obtained for giving areas to the staff for planting works; is not sanction necessary for the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Government do not consider it necessary.

(2) and (3) Copies of the reports are placed on the Council Table.

(4) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

(5) Yes. He was to raise one crop and plant up the area free.

(6) Because none came forward to work on Malayattur terms in other places on enquiry.

(7) This is no loss to the Sirkar as a rich and flourishing teak plantation had been obtained at no cost.

(8) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

(9) (i) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

(ii) Yes.

(10) Government might in some cases get better rates. People who expressed willingness to raise teak plantation in return for grants of forest growth free and who were, in their opinion, reliable were selected. Some people even with the grant of free forest growth would not take up the work of raising plantation.

(11) The plantation staff is not bound to do planting works and their work consists in looking after plantations existing; in keeping poachers and stray cattle from plantations, in supervising the works of coolies engaged for various works in plantation, etc. Paid servants of the State are not required to do any planting works. The staff expressed their willingness to do planting works if raising of a crop is allowed; and the Conservator of Forests entrusted the works to them. The Conservator of Forests did not think that Government sanction was required for this and hence did not solicit for the same.

Muslims appointed in Government Service.

666. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) മൂന്നാംകൊല്ലത്തിനിപ്പുറം ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു സർവ്വീസ്സിൽ നിയമിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള മുസ്ലീം ബിരുദധാരികളുടെ (Graduates) എണ്ണം എത്രയെന്നു സഭയം പറയാമൊ;

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